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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--21 NOVEMBER 1964

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1. CONGO (AS OF 0800 EST):

[Redacted]

F. REBEL "PRESIDENT" GBENYE CLAIMS HE HAS MOVED HIS
AMERICAN HOSTAGES PENDING THE NEGOTIATIONS HE WANTS.

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I. TSHOMBE HAD EARLIER BEEN REPORTED AS "FURIOUS" AT
THE POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE REBELS.

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2. CAMBODIA-VIETNAM:

A. SIHANOUK IS TRYING

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TO GET INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES FOR CAMBODIA'S
BORDERS.

B. HE WANTS TO FOCUS THE NEW DELHI TALKS WITH THE US ON
SOUTH VIETNAMESE INCURSIONS,

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D. SIHANOUK IS ALSO SENDING HIS FOREIGN MINISTER TO
PEIPING AND HANOI, HOPING TO GET NORTH VIETNAM AND THE (VIET
CONG) NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT TO "RECOGNIZE" HIS BORDERS.

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3. SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE:

A. PEIPING, IN A RED FLAG EDITORIAL YESTERDAY ATTACK-
ING KHRUSHCHEV, MADE IT CLEAR THAT WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT SOVIET
CONCESSIONS THE RELATIONSHIP WILL NOT IMPROVE.

B. THE COMMUNIST "PREPARATORY" CONFERENCE CALLED FOR 15
DECEMBER BY KHRUSHCHEV IS ONE OF THE POINTS AT ISSUE. THE
CHINESE IMPLY THAT THE NEW SOVIET LEADERS COULD POSTPONE IT
GRACEFULLY BY BLAMING IT ON HIM.

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C. MEANWHILE, ALTHOUGH ONE RUSSIAN DIPLOMAT SAYS THE SOVIET PARTY "HAD DEFINITELY DECIDED" TO GO ON WITH IT, MOSCOW HAS SO FAR EVADED SETTING A FIRM DATE.

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5. USSR-KOSYGIN:

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D. KOSYGIN EMERGES AS ONE WHO COMMANDED THE RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE OF ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATORS. HE WAS FREQUENTLY TURNED TO FOR DECISIONS OR ASSISTANCE AND WAS ASKED TO INTERVENE IN EVERY CONCEIVABLE ECONOMIC QUESTION. [REDACTED]

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6. NOTES:

A. SUDAN: MODERATE NON-COMMUNIST POLITICIANS WITHIN THE NEW REGIME SEEM TO BE PULLING THEMSELVES TOGETHER IN AN EFFORT TO BLOCK COMMUNIST DESIGNS FOR THE NEW SUPREME EXECUTIVE NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED. NASIR IS EYEING THE SUDAN UNEASILY, WORRIED OVER THE POSSIBLE CONTAGIOUS EFFECT OF SUDANESE CHAOS ON HIS OWN DOMESTIC SITUATION.

B. UN-USSR: THE EFFORTS CONTINUE IN NEW YORK TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE ASSESSMENTS ISSUE, BUT THE SOVIETS STILL TALK TOUGH. THREE SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE TOURING AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND ASIA TO DRUM UP SUPPORT. [REDACTED]

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THE USSR, OR EVEN ABSTENTION, WOULD BE AN "UNFRIENDLY ACT."

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D. PANAMA:

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GROUPS ARE MEETING SECRETLY NEXT WEEK TO PLAN THEIR ACTIONS OVER THE CANAL ISSUE. ALREADY, COMMUNIST AGITATION HAS BEGUN AGAIN. PRO-COMMUNIST DEPUTIES ARE EXPECTED TO STIR UP THE SECRET NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION ON THE HANDLING OF THE CANAL PROBLEM, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY.

E. LAOS: THIS MORNING A US RF-101 WAS DOWNED BY GROUND FIRE BETWEEN SAVANNAKHET AND TCHEPONE, 12 MILES FROM THE F-100 DOWNED ON WEDNESDAY. THE PILOT WAS RESCUED BUT IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION. HOWEVER, WHILE THIS WAS BEING ACCOMPLISHED, A US HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN 18 MILES TO THE NORTH.

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